

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
8 August 2023
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, and JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes. Review of Minutes from May and June 2023. The minutes for May and June were approved with edits.
4. Discussions and Hearings:

7:35pm Formal Hearing 115 Summer Street with contractor, Steve Maimone, and homeowner, James Glettler.

Steve Maimone shared that the homeowners of 115 Summer Street reached out to him regarding significant water damage to the exterior and interior of their house. Steve stated that in the past, multiple layers of siding were added on top of the damaged siding, which did not address the water damage. The homeowner recently found significant water damage in the eaves and evidence of mold growth. With the permission of the Building Department and with the approval of Historical Commission Chair, JoAnn Robinson, the removal of the siding was permitted to allow the contractor to find the source of the leaks. The plan is to replace the existing layers of siding with a single layer of cedar siding to match existing and match details with the guidance of the hired architect. Rotted trim will also be replaced with wood trim to match existing.

Following the presentation, viewing of slides, and discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Stange and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, that we approve the proposal to replace siding with cedar siding and to repair the trim as needed. A roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor: Commissioner Robinson

8:00pm Continued Hearing for 1 Perth Road with Attorney Robert Annese and homeowners, David and Susan Sylva.

Plans for the house were updated following feedback from a previous Historical Commission hearing.

The plans are to replace shed dormers with gable dormers, changing the mansard roof to a gable roof on the garage and the house, build an addition to increase space inside the house which will extend the front of the house closer to the street but is still within the setback. There will be changes to the front façade which currently has two windows on

the first and second floors and the plan is to have three windows on the first and second floors.

Zoning requirements for 30 percent open space were discussed in regards to the garage.

The Commissioners stated that the proposal significantly changes the historical features of the house and further verification is needed regarding zoning and open space requirements. Commissioner Robinson will set up a meeting with Michael Ciampa. Attorney Annese and the homeowners agree with the decision for further discussion with the Building Department.

New Business:

Commissioner Robinson discussed the plan for the MBTA along the Massachusetts Avenue corridor. Claire Ricker, Director of Planning and Community Development, has requested a list of historical houses on Massachusetts Avenue.

Historical house on 159 Warren Street has been bought by a contractor and will be on the agenda for next month.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:50pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be on September 6, 2023.
for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary
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